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SUBJECT: US TRADE ACT AND IU-ECOSOC MEETING

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GUATEMALA ALSO FOR ROCAP

1. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS WITH THE MINISTRIES OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS TO OBTAIN GOES MINISTERIAL AND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATION TO THE MARCH 10-15 MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC, THE GOES FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIELD ANYONE FROM THE CAPITAL. WE BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH THIS REFLECTS BUDGETARY PROBLEMS AND OTHER DEMANDS ON POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS, IT ALSO REFLECTS A GOES PERCEPTION OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B, THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS HAVE CONVEYED THE MESSAGE OF REFTEL A TO A NUMBER OF POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS AND BELIEVE THE GOES IS SYMPATHETIC OT THE USG DESIRE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE, BALANCED APPROACH TO THE ISSUES OF

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THE TRADE ACT AND PETROLEUM SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT

THE SUBJECT MEETING, NONETHELESS, AS WE COMMENTED IN REF-TEL B, EL SALVADOR IS A FOLLOWER IN THE LATIN CAMP, NOT A LEADER, AND CAN AT BEST BE COUNTED UPON NOT TO INITIATE POSITIONS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US AND PERHAPS FOR CORRIDOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MODERATION.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ACCREDIT WASHINGTON RESIDENT AMBASSADOR BETRAND GALINDO TO THE MEETING. ALTHOUGH A FOMIN OFFICIAL SAID INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR VIEWS WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT ENGAGE AMBASSADOR BETRAND IN DISCUSSION OF OUR INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA.
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